

REMARKS

Claim 33 has been canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 15-32 and 34 are pending.

The applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I for further prosecution in the above. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement, at least in so far as the subject matter of the Examiner's Groups I-VI are alleged to be separately patentable and the subject matter of the Examiner's Groups VII and VIII are alleged to be separately patentable. Specifically, the Examiner's classification of the subject matter of the Examiner's Groups I-VI in the same Class and Subclass (i.e., Class 435, subclass 5) is evidence that the subject matter of the Examiner's Groups I-VI has not attained separate status in the art so as to define separately patentable independent and distinct inventions. Moreover, the search of a single Class and subclass is, with due respect, not believed to present an undue burden. Similarly, the Examiner's classification of the subject matter of the Examiner's Groups VII and VIII in the same Class and Subclass (i.e., Class 536, subclass 24.32) is evidence that the subject matter of the Examiner's Groups VII and VIII has not attained separate status in the art so as to define separately patentable independent and distinct inventions. Moreover, the search of a single Class and subclass is, with due respect, not believed to present an undue burden.

Withdrawal of the restriction requirement and search and examination of at least all of the subject matter of the Examiner's Groups I-VI are requested.

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The applicants further elect the single species of SEQ ID NO:77 for purposes of initial examination. Claims 15, 17 and 29 of the elected Group are believed to read on the elected species.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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